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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61622

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Appln. No.: 09/674,643

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Examiner: Roz Ghafoorian

For: DEVICE FOR PROTECTING AND NEUTRALIZING A NEEDLE FOR MEDICAL USE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

1. (Twice Amended) A device for protecting a needle for medical use or the like, the needle having a sharp end and a base end, and able to take at least three positions, respectively an equilibrium "starting position", an equilibrium "in-use position" and a "locked position", comprising:

a sleeve having a through bore defined on a given axis, said through bore being of a section that is not less than that of the needle to be protected;

a first link having first and second ends, said link being of a length " $L_1$ " defined between said two ends;

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